

each miner as an individual must stand alone when he deals with the organized mine owners.

Of course, if the mine owners can hold the position, every miner is an abject slave. If he protests against what he considers injustice in his relation with the employers, he can be fired.

For many years there has been peace in the copper country—and while there was peace the owners of the Calumet & Hecla mines drew down over \$121,000,000 in dividends, besides \$75,000,000 that were reinvested, and all on an original investment of \$1,250,000.

Finally that long peace was broken. First the miners petitioned their employers for a redress of grievances. The petition was ignored.

As a last resort the men organized and went on strike. There was nothing else they could do that they hadn't tried without success.

After the miners themselves by a referendum vote had determined to strike, they called in the officials of the Western Federation of Miners to lead that strike.

Although those labor leaders tried to delay the strike, the men themselves forced the issue.

Then the officials of the Western Federation took charge of the strike and have led and financed it ever since—with the aid of the American Federation of Labor.

Determined to crush the only union the miners could join, the organized union of mine owners, through their organized managers, took the law into their own hands.

And they took into their own hands all of the instrumentalities of the law, from the sheriff of Houghton county to the Supreme Court of Michigan.

The state militia was put on guard at the expense of the people of Michigan—and the headquarters of the commanding officers at Calumet were in an armory owned by the Calumet & Hecla Co.

The real work of the militia was to hold the striking miners in subjection while the organized mine owners proceeded to fight the union.

In addition to the state militia, a private army of thugs and gunmen—desperadoes recruited in the slums of New York and other large cities—was brought into the war by the mine owners. And every thug in that army was armed to the teeth.

Every imported thug and gunman was sworn in as a deputy sheriff and

given a badge and authority to take human life "in defense of the law."

Miners were assaulted, beaten, shot and killed. Miners and their wives were arrested without warrant and thrown into jail.

The commanding officer of the private army of gunmen made his headquarters in the office of the sheriff, who was a tool of the mine managers.

YOU have read of the outrages perpetrated by the gunmen and the lawless Citizens' Alliance.

You have read of the awful sacrifice of human life on Christmas eve.

You have read of the assault on President Moyer, of his shooting and forcible deportation from the state.

You have read of the three attempts of the United States—YOUR government—to mediate, to bring about peace when, through Palmer, Moffitt and Densmore, it offered its good offices.

But the haughty copper barons laughed in the face of YOUR government. They have spurned its offer of its good offices as an unprejudiced arbitrator.

And now they have laughed in the face of the people of Michigan, and have spurned all efforts of Gov. Ferris to bring about peace.

In the meantime the miners have repeatedly asked for arbitration. They have even offered to submit absolutely to any finding made by arbi-